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	10/666,861	TSUKAMOTO ET AL.
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 January 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 and 66-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9,66-71 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERY CONSTRUCTION AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Examiner: Yuan S.N. 10/666,861 Art Unit: 1745 March 9, 2007

Detailed Action

1. The Applicant's amendment filed on January 2, 2007 was received. Claim 66 was amended.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S.C. code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action issued on November 13, 2006.

Double Patenting

3. Claims 1-9,66-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-9 of prior U.S. Patent No. US 6,670,071 B2. This is a double patenting rejection. In the instant case, the mandrel is fitted around the elongate pin, therefore, the mandrel has to have a cavity within to accommodate the pin, i.e., the mandrel is hollow. In addition, any surface of the first electrode strip that is in contact with the pin can be defined as the "inner end" as recited in the '071 patent.

With respect to claim 66, the weld that connects the mandrel to the pin in '071 patent is considered as a crimp that connects the mandrel to the pin.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on January 2, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's principal arguments are

The recitation "mandrel for mechanically reinforcing said pin" in the '071 patent is not required in the instant claim 1.

In response to Applicant's arguments, please consider the following comments.

Claim 1 of the instant disclosure recites "an elongate mandrel fitted around the pin".

Furthermore, claims 67 and 68 recite "the mandrel includes a tube" and "the pin is positioned in an interior of the tube", respectively. It is evident that the pin is strengthened (reinforced) by the additional assistance from the elongate tube that fits longitudinally around the pin. Therefore, the conflicting claims in the patent fall entirely within the scope of the examined application claims. The double patenting rejection is proper and thus maintained.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dah-Wei D. Yuan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick J. Ryan, can be reached on (571) 272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Dah-Wei D. Yuan
March 9, 2007



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PRIMARY EXAMINER